1	2	3	4	5	6
Gentamycin Inj.	Do.	1.5ml Vial 2.0ml Vial	7.70 11.37	5 41 9 82	—29.7 —13.6
Nasavion Drops	M/s. E. Merck	10ml	4.50	9.27	+160.0
Complan.	M/s. Glaxo	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	..
Farex	M/s. Glaxo	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	..
Glucon-D	M/s. Glaxo	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	..
Lacodex	M/s. Raptakos Brett	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	* ..

*Composition.

Drugs prices under new drug policy

621. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there will be 12 to 25 per cent hike in the prices of all drugs needed for the national health programmes under the new drug policy announced by the Government recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINSTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Drug (Prices Control) Order based on the new measures is yet to be announced. Adjustment of prices based on new measures would result in reduction in prices of some products and increases in prices of others.

USSR offer for National power grid

622. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the USSR has offered to set up a national power grid and a complex service centre to look after maintenance and repair of power plants;

(b) if so, whether Government of India have agreed to this proposal;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) At the Indo Soviet high level meeting held at New Delhi in January, 1987, it was agreed that (i) there will be exchange of information at a mutually agreed time on the various aspects of the Indian Transmission Systems and the programme of development of the National Grid and (ii) the parties will examine the possibilities of extending their cooperation in the field of repair and maintenance of the power plants, utilising Soviet equipment.

Lignite mines in India

623. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of lignite mines presently being operated in the country; and

(b) whether any additional reserves of lignite have been located by Geological Survey of India during their exploratory drillings during the year 1986?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) There are four lignite mines in operation in the country

of which two are at Neyveli in South Arcot District of Tamil Nadu and the other two in Kutch and Broach Districts of Gujarat.

(b) During the field season of 1985-86, Geological Survey of India estimated a reserve of 5.93 million tonnes of lignite in Jayakondan-Cholapuram area in Tiruchirapalli district of Tamil Nadu and 1 million tonne in Lakhpat area in Kutch District of Gujarat. GSI also conducted drilling operations for lignite in Barmer district of Rajasthan.

Charges against executive director of BHEL

624. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased o state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report published in Telegraph (Calcutta) on 11th February, 1987 to the effect that an Executive Director of BHEL who was incharge of BHEL's advanced research projects including some defence projects had been terminated recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the charges levelled against the officer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The services of the officer were terminated as he was found by the Company to be unsuitable for the post held by him due to his uncooperative attitude and his having displayed incompatibility with the policies of the Company.

Modernising Cement industry

625. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have recently emphasized the need to modernise the cement and building materials industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines issued by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to render any type of help to the industry for its modernisation; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Government have been impressing upon the cement industry from time to time the need to take effective steps to modernise the old cement factories and also to take necessary steps for installation of energy conservation devices and pollution control equipments. A World Bank loan of $ 200 million has also been arranged during 1986 for conversion of seven cement units from wet to dry process and for sub-sector level training/technical assistance, etc. for the cement industry.

(c) and (d) The following decisions have been taken to help the cement industry in undertaking their modernisation programme:—

(i) Old cement plants which have been declared sick are charged less levy obligation compared to other units with a view to enable them to invest the extra realisation for modernisation purposes;

(ii) Factories which install new dry process kilns by scrapping the existing old wet process kilns or convert the existing old wet process kilns into dry process kilns such that the additional capacity installed is equal to or in excess of the capacity of the old klin(s) will be treated as new units for purposes of fixing levy quota.